International Protection Pre-Questionnaire Consultation Checklist

Checklist	Information
1.	Explain the role of the law centre or private practitioner in providing independent and confidential legal aid and advice to the international protection applicant in relation to their claim for protection.
2.	Explain the importance of notifying the IPO/ IPAT /Department of Justice of any change of address and the consequences of not doing.so.
3.	Explain the importance of notifying the law centre/ private practitioner of any change of address.
4.	Explain the importance of not leaving the jurisdiction and the lack of permissions to take up employment.
5.	Explain the possibility that the file may be transferred to another law centre or be reassigned to a private practitioner. *
6.	Explain the role of the solicitor. Inform the client that their solicitor is responsible for the file and that all work is done at their direction.
7.	Explain the functions of the law centre/private practitioner, the IPO and the IPAT and the inquisitorial nature of the international protection process.
8.	Explain the possibility of the inadmissibility procedures being applied.
9.	Explain the possibility of the Dublin procedures being applied.
10.	Explain the definitions of a refugee and subsidiary protection, taking account of the circumstances of the client's claim and the situation in the country of origin.
11.	Explain the stages of the protection process.
12.	Explain the purpose of the IPO questionnaire and time limits for submitting questionnaire.
13.	Provide information on the interview at IPO
14.	Provide information on an appeal to IPAT (10-15 day deadline) and either an oral hearing or a papers-only appeal.
15.	The application for permission to remain, the ongoing obligation to inform the minister of any change of circumstances and the 5-day statutory deadline after receipt of appeal decision.

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16.	The possibility of voluntary return and the implications of a deportation order.
17.	Explain the onus and importance of giving a full, detailed, accurate and truthful account and the obligation to assist in the presentation and preparation of an international protection claim; the onus on the client to remain proactive and the duty to cooperate.
18.	Explain the possibility of getting country of origin information on similarly situated persons
19.	Explain the possibility of obtaining supporting evidence and identity documents and the importance of retaining postal envelopes.
20.	Explain the relevance of internal protection and internal relocation as an option and potential for accelerated appeal.
21.	The importance of supplying all information in questionnaire, including a full and detailed account of the events giving rise to the claim for protection.
22.	Explain the importance of filling in family details for any potential future family reunification application.
23.	Explain Family reunification, qualifying family members and time limits for application.
24.	Explain the implications of 15(3) (a-c) regarding any children born or later entering Ireland and the duties of the international protection applicant.
25.	Ascertain whether there is any possibility of exclusion clauses of the convention being applied.
26.	Explain the cessation clauses and the possibility of voluntary return.
27.	Ascertain Whether any other potential entitlements exist to obtain legal status, e.g. if the client is married to EU citizen.
28.	Explain the implications of 39(4) findings: issues raised irrelevant to international protection; clearly unconvincing claim; failed to claim asylum at first opportunity; internal protection available; country of origin designated as safe country.
29.	Confirm whether presence of vulnerability indictors eg. trafficking, domestic violence, torture and refer to services, if necessary.
30.	Confirm whether any relevant medical issues and sign authority, if necessary.

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